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Chinese Stories.

"The Chinese are nothing if they are not moral in their sentiments," says a writer. "The rich are always wicked and the poor virtuous in their moral stories. One of these tales deals with a poor man named Lin, who believed that prosperity would come to him if he could procure a propitious burial for his parents. So he forged the titles to some property, removed the graves of the real owner's parents and replaced them by those of his own. But his father appeared to him in a dream and said: 'The field of happiness is in the heart. Those who steal land shall have neither prosperity nor posterity.' Lin and his family ended their days in prison. Another tale is to the effect that Kai-ting, a youth of eighteen, was struck by lightning. On examination it was found that the soles of his shoes were made of layers of printed paper. The Chinese hold printed paper sacred."

The Real Annie Laurie. William Douglass, whose love ballad has become one of the famous lyrics of the world, wooed but did not win Annie Laurie. The real Annie Laurie gave "her promise true" to Douglass. but wedded another, a wealthier suitor, Fergusson of Craigdarroch, and Douglass, who was ready to "lay me down and dee," went to the wars, and when he came back married also and left a goodly crop of heirs to the proud name he bore. The tender melody that has won hearts the world over was set to the words many years after by Lady John Scott, for Annie Laurie was born away back in the seventeenth century -on Dec. 16, 1682, at the home of her father, Stephen Laurie, at Maxwellton, an old fashioned stone mansion fortress that had once been the castle of the earls of Glencairn.-Munsey's.

The Pace of the Camel.

As a matter of fact, and in spite of its having carried Mohammed in four leaps from Jerusalem to Mecca, seven miles an hour is the camel's limit, nor can it maintain this rate over two hours. Its usual speed is five miles an hour-a slow pace, beyond which it is dangerous to urge it, lest, as Asiatics say, it might break its heart and die literally on the spot. When a camel is pressed beyond this speed and is spent it kneels down, and not all the wolves in Asia will make it budge again. The camel remains where it kneels, and where it kneels it dies. A fire under its nose is useless.-Times of India.

He Had His Wish.

Carl Schurz had no consideration for hypocrites or pretenders. Upon literary pretenders he was particularly severe. At a dinner in New York one night a man of wealth who had written a volume of poems sneered at politics.

"I wouldn't give a picayune," he said, "for a senatorship or a cabinet office. To be even president wouldn't tempt me. I, for my part, would rather be known any day as a third rate poet than a first rate statesman."

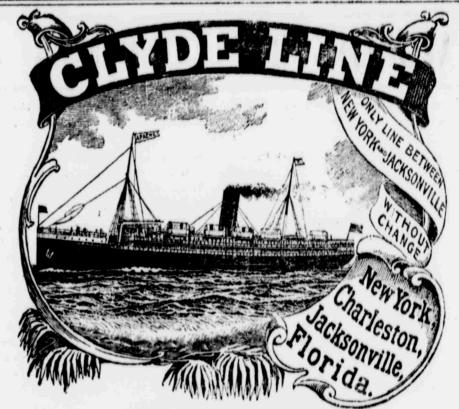
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Everybody exclaims against ingratitude. Are there so many benefactors? -Bouseart



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